

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Phase of International Application:

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Applicant : Mark Parrington, et al.
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The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

PRELIMINARY MENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Before the first line of the specification, add the following:

" **REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/CA99/00917."

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended on page 1 to reflect that this application is a U.S. National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/CA99/00917.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,



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